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### Local Student Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Regional Skills USA Competition

Weed / COS – Bailey Burnett, a Mt. Shasta High School Senior who takes Welding at COS, recently placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the regional Skills USA competition and will be moving on to the State finals to be held April 19-22 in Ontario, CA. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

Bailey started welding his sophomore year of high school and has taken all of his welding courses at College of the Siskiyous (COS).

Currently he holds 3G and 4G certification and will be taking two more certification tests at the end of the semester. When he began welding, it was more of an extracurricular activity, but has since become his career focus, especially after being able to meet representatives from the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers who visited the COS Weed Campus in the fall to discuss job opportunities, current and future with students in the COS Welding Program.

Following his high school graduation in June, Bailey plans to look into Welding apprenticeships, as well as, continuing his education as a Siskiyou Promise student at COS and working to complete credits towards his Associate of Science degree. According to Mark Beaulieu, COS Welding Instructor, “Bailey is a very focused and self-motivated young man. His drive to succeed is apparent and I have no doubt he will be successful in his future as a Welder.”

COS offers many certificate and degree programs for students looking for specific areas of training and certification. The Welding Program offers instruction in basic and advanced welding. All



*Mark Beaulieu and Bailey Burnett with one of the College's newest piece of machinery and also Bailey's favorite to work with.*

types of welding machines are covered in the instruction such as electric arc, oxyacetylene, gas tungsten arc welding, dual shield, and wire feed. The Program is designed to teach students welding of ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Instruction is given in various welding techniques, including flat, vertical overhead, horizontal, and pipe. Related technical phases of welding are also covered. Students may attain the craftsman level, learn layout and welding symbols, and become qualified to take a state-certified welding test.

With the demand for skilled welders rising and the technology of welding becoming more advanced, especially where automation is concerned, COS students have a unique opportunity to learn a career that can be shaped around their interests. For more information about the Welding program offered at College of the Siskiyous, contact the Career and Technical Education Department by calling (530) 938-5512 or send an email to [cteinfo@siskiyous.edu](mailto:cteinfo@siskiyous.edu).